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President of the Senate  
United States Senate

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NOTE FOR FILE

SUBJECT: Symington Letter to Laird/Rogers

1. This afternoon [redacted] OPPB, asked for our coordination on the attached recommendation concerning State's proposed interim response to Senator Symington. It was recommended that State be advised that the Agency would not provide information for the more detailed breakdown to be submitted to Symington pursuant to the clipped paragraph on page two of State's interim response. It does not seem either prudent or necessary to precipitate an issue with Symington on this at this date and it was recommended that State make no mention of the Agency's position at this juncture in the interim reply and that when the final report is drawn together for Symington, it be footnoted as follows: This breakdown does not include details of the expenditures incurred by the Central Intelligence Agency as it is our understanding that such information is reportable exclusively to that Agency's oversight committees.] STAT

2. I talked to Ed Braswell and in response to my questions he agreed that the detailed reporting required by the Symington letter should be avoided by the Agency on jurisdictional grounds, i. e. that this is our oversight committee's business as long as Agency funds are involved, that it would be bad to establish a precedent that the Agency reports on operational matters to other committees and finally that it would be a bad precedent to subject Agency funds to a GAO audit as is intended by Symington.

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Assistant Legislative Counsel

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